

**Andrew Jackson to Rachel Donelson Jackson, February 23, 1814, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson.
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TO MRS. JACKSON.

Fort Strother, February 23, 1814.

My Dear: I wrote you some time since inclosing it, with a letter to Genl Coffee under cover to Mr John Hutchings, with a letter under cover to genl Coffee from Genl Pinckney which I directed you with the copy of a letter some time since inclosed that I had recd from the secretary of war to send to Wm B Lewis. Mr John Hutchings reached me last evening missing the express I had employed to carry them to him at his own house. Where these letters may reach Mr Hutchings I cannot tell, but I have directed him to employ an express to follow them and have them sent on to you. Having some money transactions, I have wrote Doctor Butler to whose hands I have directed Mr Hutchings to forward the papers, to go on by Genl Coffees, to you and from thence to Nashville, deliver a letter to Mr James Jackson, erange the business intrusted to his care and return to his own house and there attend to the business as directed. I hope he will hand you the letters, and you will send the copies, of the one from the secretary of war and Genl Pinckney to Major William B. Lewis Nashville.

Business in the quartermasters department requiring at present every attention Mr Hutchings will be employed in this branch untill the supplies are up. Supplies is the only thing that retards my movement. they have laboured lately, but Jack will give new spring to them. he reached me about 3 oclock yesterday. he had more business done in the department, than had been done for a week, he is off this morning to Huntsville. We have had nothing but rain here for several days, the roads bad the waters high, but the greater

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the difficulty, the greater must be the exertion to surmount them. I wrote you yesterday.
with my best wishes and affection to you and my little andrew, adieu.